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SUBJ: UNACCOMPANIED SURFACE POUCHES TO HELSINKI

1. ON NOVEMBER 6 CONGEN ASKED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO 28 THAT LENINGRAD DIPLOMATIC AGENCY (DA) TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES SO WE MAY DISPATCH UNACCOMPANIED UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES TO HELSINKI BY TRAIN. REQUEST FOLLOWED REFUSAL BY RAILWAY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT FOR UNACCOMPANIED INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT SEVERAL PROPERLY SEALED AND DOCUMENTED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES, DESPITE PRIOR LENINGRAD CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. RAILWAY OFFICIALS SAID NO SUCH SHIPMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT MFA PERMISSION. FYI: OFFICIALS NOTED IN PASSING THAT ONLY CUBANS CURRENTLY HOLD SUCH PERMISSION IN LENINGRAD.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY DECEMBER 2 RE STATUS OF REPLY TO NOTE, DA SAID MATTER BEYOND THEIR COMPETENCE TO GIVE FINAL DECISION AND OUR REQUEST PLUS THEIR RECOMMENDATION (UNSPECIFIED) PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN MOSCOW.

3. INASMUCH AS THE REQUIRED PERMISSION APPARENTLY INVOLVES COORDINATION AMONG MFA, MIN VNESHTORG, AND MINFIN (CHAP 9, 1966 LAW ON DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS) AND THUS LIKELY TO BE SLOW IN COMING, WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO PRY AND EARLY AND FAVORABLE DECISION

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FROM MFA.

4. FOR DEPT: DOES SOVCONGEN MAKE UNACCOMPANIED INTERNATIONAL
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